

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II, claims 55-56, 58 and 60-80, without traverse.

In addition, a species election has been required, requiring election of a species directed to a specific disease for treatment according to the pending method claims. Applicants elect rheumatoid arthritis as the specific disease. The examiner, however, is reminded to follow the procedure in M.P.E.P. 803.02 and extend the search to the other species recited in the claims, should the elected species be free of the prior art.

CONCLUSION

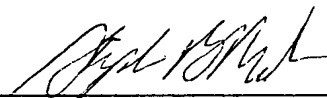
Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits of this application. Should there be any questions concerning this application, Examiner Mertz is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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